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Ahead of Assembly Elections - 2018

Training for Poll Officers

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (PM&DM)- With the State going to polls in a couple of months, a two-day training programme for State-Level Master Trainers (SLMTs) began at Administrative Training Institute (ATI) on Lalitha Mahal Road here this morning.

Two officials of Gazetted Officer Rank from each district of the State are taking part in this programme, which is an initiative of the Election Commission of India (ECI) to train officials on ensuring free, fair and hassle-free polls in the State.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep said the Election Commission has organised this programme in order to ensure smooth polling process in the State.

Pointing out that the SLMTs' trained here by National-level Master Trainers (NLMT) will be tasked with training District-level Master Trainers (DLMT) and other subordinate officers, the DC highlighted the importance of the programme and said that it provides a deep insight into the latest developments in various aspects of the election process.

Observing that a proper election management plan is key for the success of elections, Randeep said that the ECI has given a strict direction on training Booth-level personnel, who are a vital part of the election management system.

Underlining the role of electronic and other media in reporting any kind of code of conduct violations, the DC emphasised on the need for keeping a tab on social media too, for preventing any possible misuse by political parties, with polls round the corner. The DC further said that the training programme apart from covering all aspects pertaining to the functioning of EVMs (Electronic Voting Machines) and VVPAT (Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail), will also delve on handling postal ballots and e-voting process.

ATI Joint Director V. Bhagyalakshmi, in her address, said that a total of 600 polling officers from across the State have undergone poll training here in batches last month.

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Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate a two-day training programme for State-level Master Trainers at Administrative Training Institute (ATI) on Lalitha Mahal Road here this morning as Joint Chief Electoral Officer Narayan S. Navti and ATI Joint Director V. Bhagyalakshmi look on. Picture right shows a section of Poll Officers.

Actor Prakash Rai rules out joining politics

Mysuru, Feb.26 (MTY&NNN)- Multi-lingual film actor Prakash Rai has categorically stated that he would neither enter politics nor was he in favour or opposing any party. His differences were only ideological and hence he opposed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Right Wing groups.

He was speaking at an interaction session organised by the Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at its premises here this morning. He said that though some of his statements looked provocative, he was not directing it against any party or individual.

(See PRAKASH on page 8)

Another pilgrim from Mysuru
dies of heart attack at Shravanabelagola

Shravanabelagola, Feb. 26 (KS)- Anantharaju (46), a pilgrim from Mysuru, died of cardiac arrest yesterday while climbing the Vindhyagiri Hill in Shravanabelagola to witness the Mahamastakabhisheka of Lord Bahubali.

A resident of Railway Layout in Vijayanagar, Anantharaju is the third Mysurean to breathe his last at the pilgrim centre.

Anantharaju was climbing the hill-steps at about 2.30 pm, when he collapsed after suffering a heart attack. He was immediately rushed to the ambulance at the foot of the hill by the volunteers where the doctors declared him dead.

Anantharaju had visited Shravanabelagola along with his family members on the concluding day of the Mahamastakabhisheka yesterday.

Another pilgrim identified as **Sadanand (75),** retired employee of the Statistics Department and a resident of Hebbal 5th Main in Mysuru, had died on Feb. 23 morning after suffering a heart attack. Sadanand, who had taken a house on rent in Shravanabelagola to take part in the Mahamastakabhisheka rituals, was camping at the Jain pilgrimage shrine along with his wife, according to Sunil Kumar Jain, President of Digambar Jain Samaj, Mysuru.

It may be recalled that C.D. Vidyadhar (55), a resident of First Cross, Bhavya Bharath Layout, behind BEML Layout, Srirampura in city and a CHESCom Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), too had died of heart attack while taking part in a procession as part of Mahamastakabhisheka at Shravanabelagola on Feb. 9.

According to Dr. Ganesh, who is deployed at Shravanabelagola for the Mahamastakabhisheka, a total of 20 pilgrims had suffered heart attack out of which 12 of them suffered massive attacks and were admitted to various hospitals in Bengaluru and Mysuru.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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VOICE OF THE READER

Plea to Railways to upgrade popular trains from Mysuru to LHB rakes

Sir,

Kudos to Railways for bringing Mysuru under the electrified Railway map. But nowadays, I learn that some trains from either Bengaluru or other places were converted to Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches (non A/C). So I feel that *Namma Mysuru* also deserves to upgrade at least two popular trains originating from city, to LHB rakes, instead of Integral Coach Factory (ICF).

Since these LHB rakes are of new technology for increasing speed and efficiency, I would request the Railway authorities concerned to convert any two trains originating from Mysuru to Bengaluru (one as any day Express or Superfast Intercity Express and the other as Superfast Sleeper long distance train) to LHB as it may improve the speed and efficiency of the train's running status. Will the authorities concerned think it over?

—A concerned citizen

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State Information Commissioner feted

Dr. K. Lingaraju, State Information Commissioner, who was earlier working as a teaching faculty at JSS Dental College and Hospital (JSS DCH) in city, was felicitated by JSS University (JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru) at Sri Gowrishankara Auditorium here recently. Dr. Lingaraju is seen with** (from left) **Veerabhadraswamy, AAO, JSS DCH, Dr. Pramod Kumar, Principal of JSS Pharmacy College, Dr. Ravindra, Principal of JSS DCH, Dr. B Manjunatha, Registrar of JSS Academy, Dr. Sudeendra Bhat, Dy.COE and CC Hiremath, Finance Officer, JSS Academy.

Trade licence renewal for hoteliers on Feb. 28

Mysuru, Feb.26- Hotel Owners' Association Charitable Trust is conducting the Trade Licence renewal programme on Feb.28 at 9.30 am at Hotel Owners' Association building in Krishnamurthypuram, First Main, Second Cross.

This programme is for all hotels, sweet stalls, bakeries, lodges, darshinis, juice centres and food-related establishments as the trade licence for the year 2018-19 will be renewed on that day.

Mayor B. Bhagyavathi will inaugurate the programme, Corporation Commissioner G. Jagadeesha will be the chief guest. MCC Health Committee Chairman K.T. Cheluvegowda will be the guest of honour.

Hotel Owners' Association President C. Narayanagowda will preside. Hotel Owners' Association Charitable Trust President Ravishastri will be present, according to a press release from Hotel Owners' Association Honorary Secretary A.R. Ravindra Bhat.

'Education on stability of pharmaceutical drug products is essential'

Dignitaries seen during the inauguration of the day-long seminar-cum-workshop on 'Pharmaceutical Products Stability: Quality and Regulatory Perspective' organised by the Department of Pharmaceutics, JSS College of Pharmacy, in city recently.

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Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Director- Academics, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru, inaugurated the workshop. In his inaugural address, he stressed upon the importance of stability of pharmaceutical drug products by both the prescriber and the manufacturer. He added that people should be made aware of using complete dose, which would give the details of shelf life of the product and avoid development of drug resistance.

The scientific sessions included preliminary aspects related to stability, temperature and humidity mapping. The forenoon session gave hands-on training to delegates on temperature and humidity mapping using wired and wireless data loggers.

The guests of honour and resource persons included A.G. Raghu, Santhana Gopala Consultants, Mysuru; M. Ambarish Ghali, Co-Founder and Director, IncepBio Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru; Hemanth Kumar, Manager, IncepBio Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru.

Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar, Principal, welcomed. Dr. M.P. Venkatesh proposed a vote of thanks.

More than 250 students from different colleges and delegates from industries attended the seminar.

Awareness event on newspapers for students tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 26- Kautilya Vidyalaya has organised an awareness programme on newspapers for school students at its premises in Kanakadasanagar here on Feb.27 at 10 am.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan yesterday, Inchara and Chandana, students of 10th standard of the school, said that the programme would be inaugurated by *Star of Mysore* Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy. Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar will inaugurate an expo of old newspapers. Continuing, the students said that the event would also feature exhibits of foreign newspapers and a quiz programme.

Bags Gold in IQ Exam

Mysuru, Feb.26- **M.R. Thanya,** second standard student of Christ Public School in city has secured Gold Medal in Deepika Children's League - IQ National Scholarship Exam-2018. She is the daughter of Rachan Appannnamaiah and Deepika.

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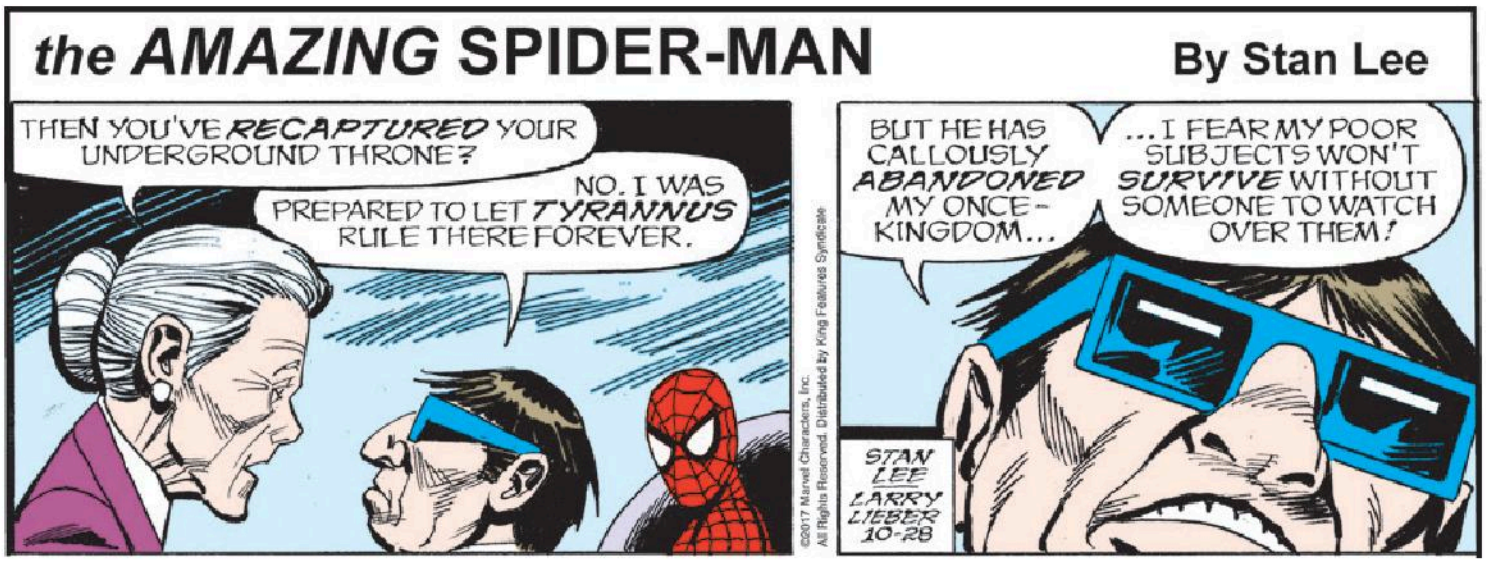
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Janaspandana

The weekly Janaspandana programme will take place at Nanjangud Taluk Panchayat Office from 10.30 am to 11.30 am tomorrow (Feb.27). TP officials and PDOs will take part in the programme. The members of the public can air their grievances, according to a release.

Health Clinics

Narayana Multi-Speciality Hospital has organised Diabetes Clinic at its premises on Feb.27 from 9.30 am to 2 pm, Varicose Veins Clinic from 10 am to 12 noon and Liver Screening using Fibro Scan from 10 am to 3 pm. For details, contact Mob: 95380-52378.

Instant Ration card issuance drive

The Food and Civil Supplies Department has launched an instant Ration Card issuance drive in the city till Mar.11 for online applicants. The cards will be issued upon submission of a copy of the online application, income certificate and aadhaar card by a major member (above 18 years) of the family of the applicant. The ration cards are issued for applicants from MCC Wards 1 to 14 and 24 at the MCC Zonal office, near Jayanagar Railway Gate (contact B.C. Mohan - 94483-43509) for applicants from MCC Wards 15 to 23 and 25 to 33 at MCC Zonal Office, opposite Vidyavardhaka College on Seshadri Iyer Road (contact M.S. Anasuya - 99451-81156) for applicants from MCC Wards 34 to 41 and 49 to 64 at MCC Zonal office, opposite Vidyavardhaka College on Seshadri Iyer Road (contact T.J. Lakshmi - 81233-77872) and for applicants from MCC Wards. 50, 54 to 63 and 65 at MCC Zonal Office at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry near Hotel Metropole Circle (contact C.S. Lakshmi-99728-29719), between 10 am and 5.30 pm on all days (except public holidays) till Mar.11.

Appointed

H.A. Venkatesh, senior advocate and Chairman of Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited (MPVL), has been appointed as KPCC Spokesperson with immediate effect. He is a resident of 21st Main, 11th Cross, J.P. Nagar in the city.

Ph.D awardee

Visvesvaraya University of Technology (VTU), Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Computer Science and Engineering to B.T. Prasanna for his thesis 'Cryptography based dynamic secured Multi keyword ranked search on cloud storage' submitted under the guidance of Dr. C.B. Akki of IIIT Allahabad (Computer Science Department).

Rajnath Singh offers silver pillars to Bhagavan Bahubali

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, who presented a silver pillars to Bhagavan Bahubali at the Chamundaraya Sabhamantap during his visit to Shravanabelagola yesterday to participate in the 88th Mahamastakabhisheka celebrations, is seen with Jain Mutt Pontiff Charukeerthi Bhattaraka Swamiji, Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar, MLA C.N. Balakrishna and others.

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Speaking later, he said that Sri Bhagavan Bahubali dedicated his whole life to spread the message of peace to the world. Jainism which propagates *ahimsa* (non-violence) is one of the most sacred religions in the world.

Jainism has a scientific basis and the Mahamastakabhisheka which is held once in 12 years is also based on scientific principles. And to participate in such a celebration of a mystic who was the epitome of sacrifice is indeed a great opportunity and joy, said Rajnath Singh.

The messages spread by Bhagavan Bahubali are universal and relevant for all times to come. Hundreds of Jain monks have built the religion and even an emperor like Chandragupta Maurya came to Shravanabelagola to do penance during his last days, which throws light on this place's history, he said.

Rajnath Singh expressed his wish to come again to the hill town very soon to view the majestic 58.8 ft monolithic statue and fill his eyes.

Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilisers and Parliamentary Affairs H.N. Ananth Kumar, MP Ajay Sancheti, MLA C.N. Balakrishna, Mahamastakabhisheka National Committee President Sarita M.K. Jain and others were present.

Demand to develop Shravanabelagola on the lines of Taj Mahal

Shravanabelagola, Feb.26- Jain Mutt Pontiff Charukeerthi Bhattaraka Swamiji has appealed to the Central Government to develop the hill shrine Shravanabelagola along the lines of Taj Mahal in Agra.

The Pontiff placed this demand before the Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh. He said that the monolithic statue of Gomateshwara is as important as the iconic Taj Mahal. "This place should also be treated as an iconic place and developed along the lines of Taj Mahal," he said. The Organising Committee of Mahamastakabhisheka also presented a memorandum. Meanwhile, Vardhamana Sagar Maharaj, a Jain Monk, appealed to the Union Minister to declare Shravanabelagola as 'Ahimsa Kshetra.'

During Singh's address, the audience requested him to respond to this demand. However, the Minister said that this did not fall under the purview of his Ministry.

Dr. M.R. Ravi receives IAS order copy

The Union Government's Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) Under-Secretary Pankaj Gangwar is seen handing over the order copy on elevation to IAS to Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat CEO Dr. M.R. Ravi in New Delhi recently. Picture right shows Dr. M.R. Ravi in conversation with the Karnataka Chief Secretary Ratna Prabha after his elevation to IAS.

Chamaraja Constituency is JD(S) stronghold: MLC

Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Former UoM and KSOU VC and JD(S) candidate from Chamaraja Constituency, is seen addressing the gathering at the party's public contact (Janasamparka) programme at Kamadhenu Kalyana Mantap behind ESI Hospital on KRS Road here yesterday as N.R. Constituency JD(S) candidate Abdul Azeez (Abdulla), former Mayor M.J. Ravikumar and others look on.

Mysuru, Feb.26- Stating that Chamaraja Assembly segment is a strong hold of JD(S), MLC K.T. Srikantegowda has asserted that JD(S) candidate Prof. K.S. Rangappa was going to win the seat in the forthcoming Assembly polls. Speaking at the party's public contact (Janasamparka) programme at Kamadhenu Kalyana Mantap behind ESI Hospital on KRS Road here yesterday, he said that the JD(S) has a strong presence in the district, having gained control of the MCC, ZP and TP. Claiming that there was a wave in favour of JD(S) State President and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy, Srikantegowda reiterated that Prof. Rangappa's victory was certain in Chamaraja Constituency.

Former UoM and KSOU Vice-Chancellor and JD(S) candidate from Chamaraja Constituency Prof. K.S. Rangappa, in his address, said that H.D. Kumaraswamy had many ideas to address agrarian, unemployment and other such issues which have been haunting the State.

Noting that the people have seen the administration of both the National parties — Congress and BJP — he said that people were looking at H.D. Kumaraswamy with hope for addressing their problems.

Explaining the priorities of the JD(S) if the party was voted to power, Prof. Rangappa appealed the electorate to bless him in the forthcoming polls.

N.R. Constituency JD(S) candidate Abdul Azeez (Abdulla), in his address, said that he was contesting the polls after a long gap of 24 years.

Recalling his contest against the then heavy weight Aziz Sait in N.R. Constituency, he said that he was grateful to H.D. Kumaraswamy for allotting him the JD(S) ticket from N.R. Constituency.

Maintaining that he had one aim of making H.D. Kumaraswamy as the CM, Abdulla appealed the party workers to work with unity for ensuring the victory of JD(S) candidates in all Assembly segments of the State.

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leader Ananthu, who spoke, said that the BSP has aligned with the JD(S) to defeat the two National parties in the forthcoming Assembly polls. He further said that BSP workers will actively campaign for JD(S) candidates and thus ensure the victory of the alliance in the Assembly polls.

City JD(S) Women's Wing President Prema Shankaregowda and former Mayor M.J. Ravikumar too addressed the party workers. MLC Appajigowda, Corporators K.T. Cheluvegowda and SBM Manju, leaders Qamaruddin, Somashekar, Manjunath, Pankajamma, K.G. Mahesh and others were present.

'Bigg Boss' fame Nivedita Gowda submits application for voter registration

Mysuru, Feb. 26- As part of the Election Commission's drive to popularise its SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) initiative, actress Niveditha Gowda of 'Bigg Boss' fame, submitted her application (Form No.6) for voter registration to the authorities who visited her house in Kanakadasanagar here on Saturday.

After submitting her application, Niveditha Gowda urged the youth to come forward for voter registration and voluntarily cast their vote in the elections.

ZP CEO P. Shivashankar, who is also the SVEEP Committee Chairman, Additional MCC Commissioner Ravindra, officials Krishna, Praveen, Anil Kumar and others were present.

'Cholera Comrade' constituted to control epidemic diseases

Mysuru, Feb.26 (US)- With winter receding and making way for summer to set in, contagious diseases are common especially with people drinking contaminated water.

Symptoms like vomiting and diarrhoea are common among people leading to diseases like cholera, dysentery and typhoid.

Cholera is said to have taken the lives of two persons in a few districts of the State. In that context, the District Wing of Department of Health and Family Welfare has taken preventive steps to tackle the situation effectively.

Briefing to a section of the press yesterday, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. B. Basavaraj said that no case of a epidemic disease has been reported in the district and added that as a precaution a 'Cholera Comrade' team has been constituted to be ready to handle any emergency.

He further said that the team would have a doctor, two special nurses, two nurses, one woman Health Assistant and one laboratory technician along with a vehicle and a driver. Continuing, Dr. Basavaraj said that all hospitals in the district have been instructed to keep adequate stock of medicines especially oral rehydration salt and drip sets to administer intravenous fluids. He further said that overhead water tanks in the area would be cleaned the moment any case of cholera was suspected.

Mother of accident victim dies

Sarojamma

Mandya, Feb.26 (NG&DM)- More tragedy struck the family of a victim of the fatal road accident that took place at Channapillakoppalu gate on Mysuru-Malavalli Road yesterday with the mother of the victim who was admitted to Mandya District Hospital suffered a heart attack and breathed her last in the hospital this morning.

Sarojamma (47) of Kirugavalu in Malavalli taluk is the deceased.

Sarojamma suffered a heart attack reportedly out of shock upon hearing the news of the death of her son Nithin (22) in the collision between a Maruti Omni van and a KSRTC bus, in which two other youths apart from Nithin were killed on the spot. She was rushed to Mandya District Hospital yesterday. But she did not respond to the treatment and died this morning, bringing more sorrow to the grieving family.

A pall of gloom engulfed Kirugavalu soon as the news of the death of Sarojamma reached the village, it is learnt.

Two-wheeler lifters held

Two bikes worth about Rs.80,000 recovered

Mysuru, Feb.26 (KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police on Feb.22 have arrested two persons on charges of stealing two-wheelers and have recovered two bikes worth about Rs.80,000 from them.

The arrested have been identified as M. Mahesh, a native of Jedarahalli in Bengaluru and Antony Robin of Naidu Nagar here. Both were presently residing behind Chamundeshwari Theatre.

The duo were found trying to sell the stolen bikes on Jayaram Pandit 2nd Cross Road in Shivarampet here when they were arrested by the CCB Police.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of stealing a TVS Victor bike near Jaganmohan Palace and a Hero Honda Splendor behind Krishna Rajendra Bank on Thyagaraja Road.

CCB Inspector R. Jagadish, ASI Alexander, Chandregowda and staff took part in the nabbing and recovery operation.

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research bags Award

Mysuru, Feb.26- JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru, has been awarded QS 4-Stars rating in a recently concluded audit by QS Quacquarelli Symonds from the UK.

The QS Stars rating evaluates Universities across a wide range of important performance indicators as set against pre-established international standards.

By covering a broader range of criteria than any world ranking exercise, QS Stars shines a light on both the excellence and the diversity of the rated institution.

JSS Academy received the award at a special function held at Hotel Southern Star on Feb.23 where Ashwin Fernandes, Regional Director for QS in South Asia, presented the certificate to Dr. B. Suresh, Vice-Chancellor of JSS Academy.

With the conclusion of this audit, JSS has joined the elite club of highly rated Universities in the world. It is also the first institution in Karnataka to receive this recognition.

Two nabbed for selling fake spare parts

Mysuru, Feb.26 (KS)- The CCB Police, K.R. Police and Mandi Police personnel, along with R. Stephen Raj and Harish Kumar, representatives of TVS company, raided Jain Traders on Chamaraja Double Road and Supreme Auto Parts on Sawday Road in Mandi Mohalla on Feb.22.

During the raid, the Cops have seized fake TVS company spare parts worth about Rs.40,000 from the shops and have registered cases against the shop owners.

CCB Inspector R. Jagadish, Krishnappa, Rajashekar and staff, took part in the raid and seizing operation.

Women Bake for a living and Knit for a cause at The Green Hotel

By Nandini Srinivasan

The aroma of freshly baked bread and pastries wafts around when you enter The Green Hotel on Hunsur Road, Mysuru. You have healthy breads of every kind from the usual to ragi bread, baked to perfection by the women at the all-women bakery, the only one of its kind in city. Started by the charity entrepreneur Dame Hilary Blume six years ago to help the underprivileged girls, the bakery today supplies bread to several well-known outlets in the city. The girls recruited here are referred by NGO Rural Literacy and Health Programme (RLHP), which works with the underprivileged. Girls are trained for six months on the job before they lend a hand in the baking process.

Around 40-60 loaves of bread are baked everyday only on order and you have flaxseed bread, multi-grain bread, ragi bread, garlic bread, French loaf and many more. Unless there is a huge order, most of the mixing is done manually which gives the bread a special texture.

Their pastries speciality range from apple cakes, carrot and date cakes to the very popular lemon cake. The classy Victorian sponge English cake is the new favourite. Lynda Hand and Wendy Braverman, well-known bakers, had come all the way from London to train the girls in baking these special cakes.

The bakery hopes to provide employment to more girls. The common belief is that working in a bakery isn't a woman's job as it is physically taxing to lift the big trays and knead dough. 'If women can lift their babies they can lift the trays too. The girls here do a perfect job,' says Dame Hilary.

Pushpa and Vasanthi, who have been with the bakery since its inception, are glad they came here.

The knitting group attending the ever popular, annual, "Knit for Peace" event at The Green Hotel, Mysuru.

Knit for Peace

The Knit for Peace initiative started by Dame Hilary Blume of the Hotel here saw women from across the world come to Mysuru to get-together again and knit sweaters for the underprivileged.

More than 20 women from across professions and across the world gathered at the Hotel early this month and knit sweaters, booties and hand puppets to be distributed to the underprivileged. The group had also brought in a huge stock of sweaters and other knitted wear and distributed it to the deserving in and around the city.

Enjoying the results of two new cakes in the bakery of The Green Hotel.

A lovely selection of freshly baked cakes, for patrons of the coffee shop, all produced by bakers at The Green Hotel.

Forest guard at Nagarahole aims to scale Mount Everest

Hanagodu, Feb. 26 (Mahesh& BCT)- This forest guard is aspiring to scale the snow-clad and treacherous Mount Everest and he is likely to achieve the feat in May this year.

Meet forest guard C. Vikram from the Nagarahole National Park, who loves adventure and he can go to any limits to satiate his never-ending hunger for adventure sports. And this time, he has chosen Mount Everest, the world's highest peak. He is fully set to scale the mountains and has been preparing for the feat since months.

His preparation regime is not limited to contacting organisations that carry out expedition to Mount Everest. He has been physically preparing as he knows that climbing Everest is not like his other trekking feats. "I have been physically and mentally preparing for the great climb and I have already informed my bosses," he said.

Vikram hails from Shivamogga district and has completed his Master of Arts in Economics through correspondence course. Nurturing a wish to scale the Mount Everest, he resigned from Karnataka Road Development Corporation Ltd., (KRDCL) and joined Forest Department for his daily dose of adventure.

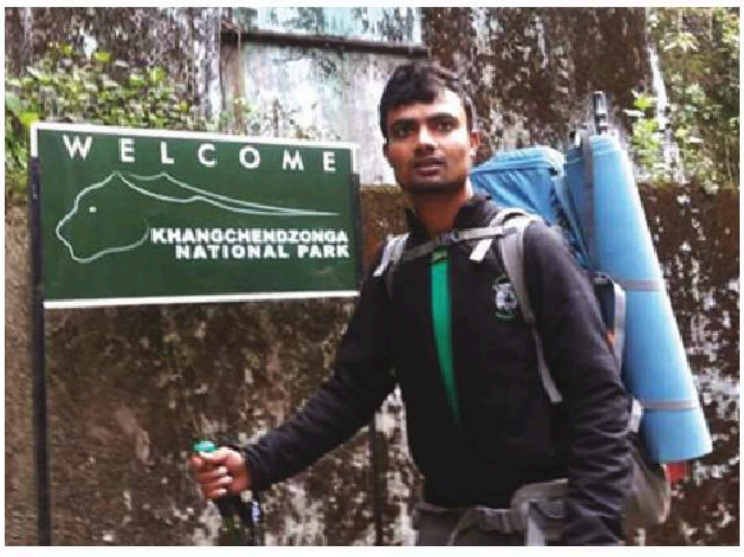
A lover of nature since his young days, Vikram has participated in many marathons conveying the message of environmental conservation. Last year, he bagged the first place in the Malnad Marathon. He is an avid swimmer too and has bagged the first place in the free-style category in the State-level competitions organised by the Forest Department. He also secured the top place in the 5,000 metres running race.

"It is my long-standing dream of scaling the world's highest peak and I have been thinking about this day-in-and-day-out. Working at the Nagarahole National Park has given me enough motivation and I love to be amidst nature. At the same time, I understand that working in the forests is entirely different from climbing mountains. I have been preparing for the expedition since months," he said.

To prepare for his Everest feat, Vikram has undergone basic and advanced mountaineering training at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute. As part of the training, he has participated in expeditions to snow-clad mountains to have an idea of the hostile weather and cold winds at Everest.

Reacting on Vikram's achievements and his forthcoming Everest expedition, Conservator of Forests and Director of Nagarahole National Park Manikantan said that in 2015, Deputy Conservator of Forest Prabhakar had scaled the Himalayas. "We will extend all support to Vikram and help him to realise his dream," he added.

Forest guard C. Vikram



Fire destroys 150 acres of forest cover in Maldare and Doddaharave Reserve forests

Periyapatna, Feb. 26 (H.D. Ramesh&KS) - About 150 acres of forest area in Maldare and Doddaharave Reserve Forests were destroyed in the fire allegedly put by some miscreants in five to six places at Lingapura in Periyapatna last night.

As soon as the fire was noticed, Mysuru and Kodagu Forest Department personnel along with the tribals rushed to the spot and tried to extinguish the fire but in vain. They then informed the Fire and Emergency Service personnel in Periyapatna.

The tribals alleged that though the Fire personnel along with the extinguisher vehicle arrived at the spot, they did not enter the forest citing that the fire would damage the paint of the vehicle and the tyres may get punctured for which they would be held responsible by their higher ups.

Later, the Mysuru and Kodagu Forest Department personnel with the help of the tribals managed to extinguish the fire at some places. It is suspected that many wild animals and birds may have perished in the fire.

Had the Fire personnel acted fast by entering the forest to douse the fire, a large area of forest land and animals could have been saved, the tribals said.

This morning, the Forest Department personnel brought water in tractors from Maldare Forest to douse the fire.

Sridevi's body to be released by UAE Govt. only by late evening

Sridevi being a celebrity, the forensic reports are not being rushed and the officials are taking utmost care. The body is expected to reach Mumbai at about 4 pm or 5 pm today. The exact time for the funeral is unknown and it depends on the arrival of the body.

Dubai, Feb.26 - Reports claim that veteran actor Sridevi's body will be released mostly by late this evening as the Dubai Police and officials are still awaiting the final forensic report on her death.

The UAE Government will follow all the norms in the system and will not be moved with either pressure or emotions. Until the viscera is examined, post-mortem done, autopsy completed, and reports correlated with standard Police investigation, the body will not be released.

The Forensics Department is yet to submit the blood test results to Dubai Police, reports *Khaleej Times*. It is expected that the reports will be submitted at about 2 pm (IST).

The body will be embalmed and later flown to Mumbai once the Dubai Police complete the formalities. The reports suggest that all the proceedings with regard to the release of the body are well within the rules and regulations of the UAE Government.

As per the official portal of the UAE government, if a death occurs outside a hospital, the UAE Police needs to be informed first and they will investigate the cause of the death with the aid of forensic reports. Then the authorities will fill out a death report and move it to a morgue.

After the death certificate is procured, the documents have to be submitted to UAE's Ministry of Health and Prevention. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation attests the death certificate. Then the Department of Naturalisation and Residency will cancel the visa. Then the Embassy officials will issue a NoC. Only then, will the body be released and allowed to be flown over to India.

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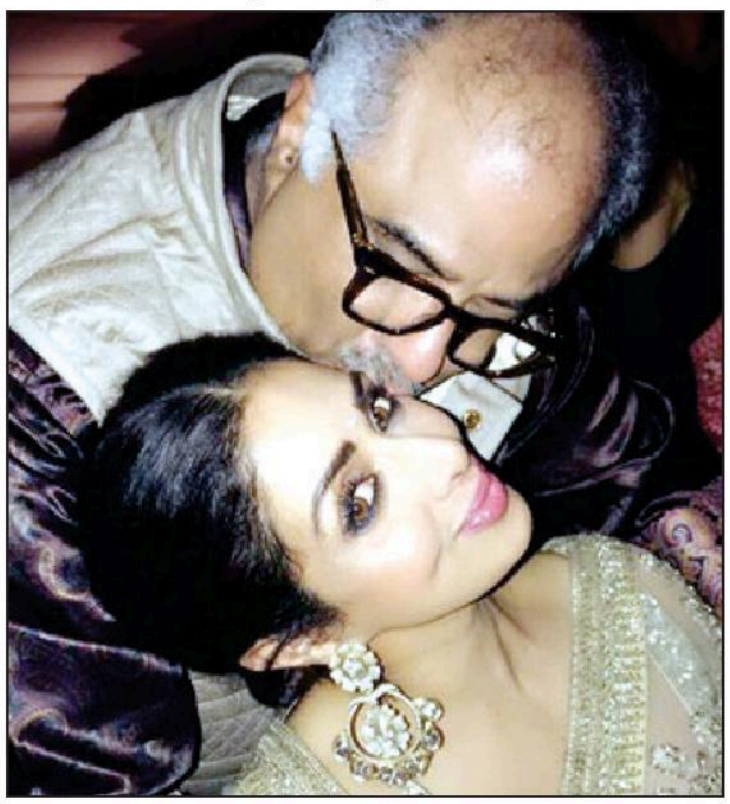
She was motionless in bathtub when Boney Kapoor found her: Report



New Delhi, Feb. 26- Sridevi was getting ready for dinner with her husband Boney Kapoor in Dubai when she reportedly suffered a cardiac arrest in her room in the Jumeirah Emirates Towers Hotel, says a report in the *Khaleej Times*, quoting family sources.

According to the report, Boney Kapoor, who had left Dubai for Mumbai, returned on Saturday (Feb.24) evening to surprise his wife. He reportedly woke Sridevi around 5.30 pm and the couple chatted for around 15 minutes, the report says.

Then Boney Kapoor asked her to dinner. The 54-year-old star went to the washroom to get ready. When she didn't come out for some time, her husband knocked, then forced open the door to see the actor "lying motionless in a bathtub full of water", according to the *Khaleej Times*.

"He tried to revive her and when he could not, he called a friend of his. After that, he informed the Police at 9 pm," the report says, quoting a source.

She could not be revived. Her shocked family says she didn't have any heart condition.

Sridevi, Boney Kapoor and younger daughter Khushi Kapoor had gone to Dubai for the wedding of Boney's nephew Mohit Marwah. Her older daughter Jhanvi, who is debuting in films, stayed back in Mumbai for a shoot.

The family waited yesterday for the legendary actor's body as Dubai authorities carried out an autopsy. The body will be flown to Mumbai later today.

Prakash Rai rules out joining politics

Prakash Rai flanked by MDJA President C.K. Mahendra (right) and General Secretary K.J. Lokesh Babu during the interaction.

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Rai wondered how a responsible Union Minister holding charge of Skill Development could talk about wiping out a community or another MP make an irresponsible statement about his (Rai) personal life.

Asked why he was not opposing either the Congress or the Left, Rai replied that first he wanted answers for all the ills plaguing the country at present and once he gets an answer, he was ready with more questions for the Congress and the Left.

On what aspect of Modi he appreciated and what he did not like about Siddharamaiah, Rai said that the *Swachh Bharat* mission launched by Prime Minister Modi was very laudable. However, he pointed out that the way it was being implemented was a lot to be desired as 70 per cent of the toilets each built with Rs.12,000 provided by the government has been turned into godowns.

The recent incident of Mohammad Nalpad Haris, son of MLA N.A. Haris who had beaten up a youth in a pub was a real eye-opener for him, he said. "I had attended a function in the area where Mohammad Nalpad was also present. People from all faiths were present in that function and the young man had donated Rs. 2 lakh for social service. I had lauded his gesture. But I was shocked and disappointed to learn that the same boy turned out to be a monster," he regretted.

MDJA President C.K. Mahendra, Vice-President Subramanya, Gen. Secretary K.J. Lokesh Babu, City Secretary Raghavendra and others were present.

Training for Poll Officers

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Declaring that ATI has evolved a plan to train poll officers at different levels on all aspects of the election process, Bhagyalakshmi said she was one of the two officials from the State who were sent by the Union Government's E-Governance Department to Estonia in Europe to study the election process there.

Pointing out that Estonia, a country with 14.5 lakh population, has recorded a 100 per cent voter turnout, she stressed on the need to educate the voters on E-voting and other latest voting forms and techniques to ensure maximum polling in the country.

NLMTs' Himamshu Parekh of Gujarat, Narayan S. Navti of Goa and S.S. Biradar of Karnataka and other officials were present.

'Temples are a treasure of history and heritage'

Mysuru, Feb. 26(US&RKB)- Department of Studies in Ancient History and Archaeology, Mysore University had organized a workshop on 'Indian temples' at the Department premises in Manasagangothri here this morning. Over 100 researchers participated in the workshop.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Dr. Gavisiddaiah, In-charge Director, Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums opined that Indian temples have enough material for research work.

He contended that every temple has a history of itself with invaluable architecture which should be probed.

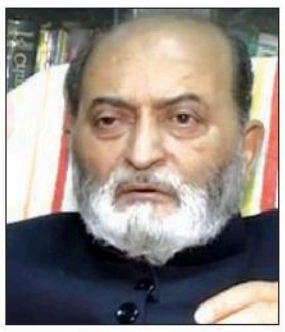
Speaking on the occasion Mysore University In-charge Vice-Chancellor C. Basavaraju observed that research work on temples was on the decline and added that the University was always keen to give more thrust for research work.

He opined that temples should not be visited by people just to offer puja to the deity but suggested people to devote some time to study the intricate architecture there which speak volumes of history and heritage.

Earlier, the workshop was inaugurated by M.S. Krishnamurthy, retired Professor of the Department. Chairman and Convenor Dr.K. Prabhu, Co-Convenors Dr. V. Shobha, Dr.G. Kariappa, KSOU Dean (Academic) Dr. Mahadevi and others were present.

Babri Masjid issue could have been resolved way back in 1949,

says AIMPLB Secretary Zafaryab Jilani



Zafaryab Jilani

Mysuru, Feb.26 (NNN)- Advocate Zafaryab Jilani, All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) Secretary and Spokesperson who is representing the Board in the Babri Masjid case, said that this issue could have been resolved as early as in 1949 itself.

"This is not a major issue at all. There are records that people offered Namaz at Babri Masjid till 1949 when the idol of Lord Rama was installed stealthily in the name of 'aastha' (faith)," said Jilani speaking to *SOM* over phone from Lucknowthis morning.

He was in Mysuru to participate in the Silver Jubilee celebrations of All India Milli Council yesterday. "Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had sent a telegram to the Chief Secretary to remove the idol. But the District Magistrate K.K. Nayar (who later contested on a Jan Sangh ticket) expressed his inability to remove the idol as he apprehended law and order problem. He wanted the State to decide on the issue and a case was filed," recalled Jilani and added, "Government itself had used the word 'stealthily' installed the idol of Rama." The Allahabad High Court had decided the case on the basis of 'aastha — faith or belief.' Based on the faith, the Rama idol was installed.

Asked whether the whole issue revolved around the ego of a few organisations, as he had said, which appeared in a section of the Press, Jilani said, "Only a few organisations from the majority community are stoking the egos. We are very clear from the beginning that the whole issue must be based on law and evidence. Hence, we cannot surrender before the force of the majority people. However, I would like to reiterate that it is only a section of the majority community that is creating confusion. As far as we are concerned it should be based on the Constitution of India and rule of law." The final hearing of the case will begin on Mar.14. It was earlier schedule to start on Feb.8. On whether they would accept the SC verdict which has said that it will treat the matter as "purely a land dispute," Jilani said the SC will have to decide on the basis of law and evidence.

Asked whether they would accept the SC verdict irrespective of the outcome, he said that they would accept the verdict provided it (SC) gives the AIMPLB to place all the facts and evidence in law before the Apex Court.

When asked will there be a solution to the row at all or will it drag on for a long time, he said that the SC can decide the case within a year.

Khadi Urban Haat

at Vijayanagar 3rd Stage soon

Chairman for Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Vinai Kumar Saxena** (third from left) **and others seen at a Khadi shop in city.

Mysuru, Feb.26 (YDS&NNN)- A Khadi Urban Haat will be set up at Vijayanagar 3rd Stage soon, said Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industry Board (KSKVIB) Chairman Yaluvahalli N. Ramesh.

He was addressing a press conference at the Government Guest House here yesterday and said that the State stood first in Khadi in the country.

The State Government has released Rs.4.19 crore to set up the Urban Haat, which will provide a market for handloom weavers and producers of handicrafts in and around the region.

The Khadi Urban Haat will be built in the one acre of land in the possession of the Board. Also, Khadi Plaza will be set up in Bengaluru and Belagavi at a cost of Rs.10 crore and all Khadi products will be made available under one roof.

Fashion show: The KSKVIB has taken up several initiatives to brand Khadi products and for the first time, the Board had organised a Khadi Fashion Show on Feb.11. It will be a regular feature from next year and will be organised at different places in the State to promote khadi products, he said. According to Ramesh, the Board, in association with the National School of Fashion Designing, has been offering designing courses for khadi artisans to produce variety of designs.

The Board has also decided to adopt e-trading to sell the products and plans to launch website about the products in another six months. In order to encourage people involved in khadi industry, the Board has been offering stipend of Rs.8 per metre for weaving the fabric, he added.

Khadi Centre of Excellence at Badanaval: Khadi institution at the historic Badanaval (where Gandhiji visited) will be made a Centre of Excellence. There are already four khadi outlets in four international airports in the country and in the next one year 100 more are going to be opened, said Chairman for Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Vinai Kumar Saxena.

He was addressing a media conference at the Government Guest House here yesterday and said that the Central Government through the Khadi Commission had opened shops in four centres including Ahmedabad and Visakhapatnam and in stages it will be opened in other airports across the country.

In 2017, it had turnover of Rs.2,700 crore and in 2018 it is likely to go up to Rs.3,000 crore. The Centre has taken many steps to revive Khadi Gramodyoga and in the last one year it has achieved a progress of 26 percent. The plans are afoot to develop Khadi industry that is there in Badanaval in Nanjangud taluk to a Centre of Excellence, he said.

The KVIC has joined hands with KSKVIB and come up with various projects. The Asian Development Bank has given a grant of Rs.95.50 lakh and 15 looms and 50 new spinning wheels (charaka) have been distributed at Badanaval, he said.

Nephew arrested in security guard murder case

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (YDS&KS)- Vijayanagar Police, yesterday arrested the accused in the murder of Security Guard Puttamadappa alias Madashetty (60) on Feb. 23 night in Railway Layout here.

Ironically, the accused identified as 45-year-old Raju, is the son of Puttamadappa's brother.

It is learnt that victim Puttamadappa, a resident of Kumbarakoppal and Raju were indulged in a property dispute pertaining to a site and both of them used to fight frequently over the issue.

On Friday at about 7 pm, Puttamadappa was standing near an under-construction house at Railway Layout near Surya Bakery, when Raju allegedly hit him on the head with a cement brick and killed him. Raju had fled from the spot.

Vijayanagar Police, who had rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and had shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem and began investigations.

Based on the clues, the Police took Raju into their custody and interrogated him during which he (Raju) is said to have confessed of murdering Puttamadappa, according to the Police.

Hit-and-Run

Rider killed as unidentified vehicle hits him

Maruthi

Gundlupet, Feb. 26 (SOMG&KS) - A bike rider was killed on the spot when an unidentified vehicle hit his bike at Hangala village in the taluk last evening.

The deceased has been identified as Maruthi (28), a daily wager at Bandipur Tiger Project.

A native of Belagavi, Maruthi was proceeding from Bandipur towards Hangala village, when an unidentified vehicle knocked him down fatally from behind at Hangala and sped away.

The impact was such that the bike was thrown for about 100 mts. resulting in Maruthi suffering serious head injury and breathing his last on the spot.

Gundlupet Town Police, who have registered a case of hit and run has launched a hunt to track down the unidentified vehicle.

Headmistress thrash student for not paying fees

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (MTY&KS)- A headmistress of a private school, thrashing a girl student for not paying the fees, has come to light in city lately.

It is alleged that the headmistress, on Feb. 21, summoned the 7-year-old girl student and allegedly hit her repeatedly with a cane for not paying the school fees besides making her to squat on the ground for the day.

The girl who went home after the school, told her parents about the thrashing by the headmistress and the girl's father in-turn lodged a complaint with the authorities of the Child Welfare Committee.

The Members of the Child Welfare Committee enquired about the incident with the girl and after recording her statements, instructed the father of the girl to lodge a complaint against the headmistress under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act.

Devaraja Police, who have registered a case under Juvenile Justice Act Column 75 are investigating.

Obituary

Razia Begum

Mysuru, Feb. 26- Razia Begum (78), wife of late Alhaj Ibrahim Saheb of Golden Press in Mandi Mohalla and a resident of Sawday Road passed away in the wee hours of today following brief illness.

She leaves behind three daughters, son Golden Babu and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Dargahi Masjid on Sawday Road after Zohar at 1.30 pm today followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Ground near Tipu Circle.

Nagamma

Nagamma (70), a resident of Bogadi 2nd Stage, passed away in city. She is wife of late Mudukanapura Shivanna a retired employee of Mysore University.

She leaves behind daughters Dakshini Basavalingam, Uma Basavaraju, Komala Vrushabendraswamy and host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed yesterday.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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Accredited Master Feng Shui Consultant

Forecast for Chinese Zodiac for 2018

[Continued from Feb.19]

Predictions for zodiacs in Chinese:

RAT

Year ahead: The year would be balanced but you need to push yourself to stay in the race especially for personal matters. There could be obstacles and slow progress in your pursuits. However, supportive stars dissolve them. Seek help of supportive people to move on if you experience lack of confidence. Career luck is promising with promotions and recognitions coming your way. Curb unnecessary expenses as wealth flow may be bit choked. Pay attention to your health and avoid adventurous activities, mitigate the ill luck through donations and charity. Relationship luck for singles quite weak. Better speak out to your partner to avoid misunderstandings. However, be prepared for a superb 2019 ahead; **Remedies:** Wear or carry Sodalite bracelet or small crystal. Place five element pagoda at North of Living or bedroom; **Lucky Colours:** Yellow and grey; **Lucky Months:** February, April, June, November and January - 2019; **Supportive Zodiac:** Ox and Dragon.

OX

Year ahead: A good year but you will be tested for your calmness and patience as anger and arguments will exist. Quarrelsome stars will test your patience and need to work hard and not relax. Be cautious of signing documents and trusting people on their face value. However, some of you will meet plenty of benefactors who will support you in your pursuits for success. Relationship luck is good, those single may meet the right choice of partner. Health luck is average and need to pay attention to your diet, indulge in activities and exercises to stay fit and avoid emotional and physical stress. Wealth luck is good to plan for the future if you put in more efforts.

Remedies: Carry a rabbit pendant and Wear a jasper bracelet or carry the stone. Display a red décor at North East of your living room; **Lucky Colours:** Orange, Red, Grey and Yellow; **Lucky Months:** Feb., April, September, Nov., January-2019; **Supportive Zodiac:** Rooster and Snake.

TIGER

Year ahead: Harmonious year as Zodiac Tiger and Dog combine. A year to be patient and curb tempers, forgive those who wronged you. Ample opportunities and money luck exists but need to motivate yourself. Avoid gossips and politics and be open to other people's opinion too. Pay attention to health; avoid stress and outdoor sporting, adventurous activities, practice meditation or yoga to maintain emotional and physical stability. Romance luck is good and singles will get into relationship and find a suitable partner. Married couples have the possibility of expanding their family. Those wanting to pursue education or creative activities will find it a promising year; **Remedies:** Wear a agate bracelet and display small figurine of Tiger, Horse and Dog at North East of your living room; **Lucky Colours:** Green, Blue and Black; **Lucky Months:** June, October and November; **Supportive Zodiac:** Rabbit & Pig.

RABBIT

Year ahead: A peaceful and stable year with new opportunities and success luck in store. Your network luck improves aiding your growth. Avoid major investment risks and spend wisely. Career achievements and opportunities to progress exist. Avoid speculative investments leading to financial losses. Take care of health as you are prone to minor illness and will have low immune. Relationship luck is good and love life for singles would be active. Couples who plan to have a child, the year energy is supportive to fructify the aspiration. The bondage between married couples will further strengthen; **Remedies:** Wear a golden yellow jade bracelet or carry a jade stone with you and display a figurine of carp fish and place three bamboo stems in water at East of the living or East of the foyer; **Lucky Colours:** Brown and Yellow; **Lucky Months:** June, July, October and November; **Supportive Zodiac:** Dog, Rat and Pig.

[To be continued]

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First Akhila Bharata Kannada Samskritika Sammelana in city on Feb.27, 28

Sanskrit University VC Dr. Padma Shekar to chair the meet; Former Minister Dr. M. Veerappa Moily to inaugurate

Dr. Padma Shekar

Dr. Moily

Mysuru, Feb.26 (BNR)- Akhila Bharata Kannada Samskritika Parishat has organised a two-day first Akhila Bharata Kannada Samskritika Sammelana at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall in Krishnamurthypuram here on Feb.27 and 28. Dr. Padma Shekar, Vice-Chancellor of Sanskrit University, will chair the meet.

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8 am: Flag hoisting — National Flag by Prof. N. Girigowda, Nada Dwaja by Prabhuswamy.

8.30 am: Performances by Folk Art Troupes.

10 am: Inauguration of the Sammelana by Saraswati Samman Awardee and former Minister Dr. M. Veerappa Moily. Inauguration of Utsava by International Scholar Dr. Hampa Nagarajaiah.

12.45 pm: 'Kagga Magic,' a magic show based on DVG's 'Mankutimmana Kagga' by film Director and Magician Dr. M.D. Kaushik. Dr. Srikanta Koodige will preside.

Dr. M.D. Kaushik

2 pm: Session 1 - 'Prachina Kannada Sahityadalli Jeevana Moulyagalu.' Prof. S.N. Gayatri will preside. Dr. Jyoti Shankar talks on 'Jaina Sahitya.' Dr. C.G. Ushadevi on 'Vachana Sahitya.' Dr. T.N. Nagaratna on 'Keerthana Sahitya.'

3.15 pm: Session 2 - Muktaka Kavi Sammelana. S. Ramaprasad will preside. H.V. Nagaraja Rao will be the guest. K. Sethuram, M. Muthuswamy, Vani Subbaiah, Manjunatha Shetty, Rajeshwari Shankar, Veena Kadamba, K.R. Shanmukha Swamy, Dr. C. Tejovati, M.N. Jayanti and C. Vani Raghavendra will take part in the Sammelana.

4 pm: Session 3 - Kannada Geetegala Gayana Sammelana. H.R. Leelavathi will preside. Vidu. Shanta Jagadish, Vidu. Shashikala Chandrashekar, Vidu. Sunanda Dilip, Vidu. Dr. Snehasri, Vidu. Choodamani and Vidu. Annapurna Nagendra will take part in the Sammelana.

H.R. Leelavathi

5 pm to 8.30 pm: Session 4 - Cultural programmes. Dance feature *'Sri Krishna Tulabharam'* by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and troupe. Dance feature *'Madagada Kenchavva'* by Dr. Kripa Phadke. Kannada and Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa will be the guest.

Dr. Vasundhara

Dr. Kripa Phadke

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9.15 am: Session 5 - Special Lectures. Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar (CPK) will preside and talk on 'Suttur Srikshetra - Anna - Akshara - Arogya.' Dr. V. Ranganath on 'Mysuru Arasaru.' Dr. B.K. Prameeladevi on 'Karnataka Rajakarana - H.C. Dasappa Manetana.' Dr. Tippeswamy on 'Kannadadalli Anuvada Sahitya.' Murthy Ramanathapura on 'Sarvajna - Samajika Chintane.'

10.45 am: Session 6 - Mahila Savalugalu. Dr. E. Rati Rao will preside. Senior advocate B. Radha will be the guest. Dr. H.P. Geetha speaks on 'Samajika Savalu.' Prof. Kousalyadevi on 'Koutumbika Savalu.' Prof. B.R. Jayakumari on 'Oudyogika Savalu.'

12 noon: Session 7 - Hiriyara Kavi Sammelana. Retd. Principal Prof. M. Nataraj will preside. Bherya Ramakumar, Saroja, Narasimha, Usha Narasimha, Shivabasappa Horeyala, Ranganatha Mysore, Dr. Hirimarali Dharmaraju, A.N. Ramesh Gubbi, Hanchetira Fancy Muthanna, Ballenahalli Shankar, V. Narayana Rao, M.B. Santosh, Sadiq Pasha, H. Sheshadri, Tippuru Krishna, Subendra Kumar, Kerodi M. Lolakshi, K.R. Shanmukha Swamy, Prakashaiah and Jayaramu Kadalagere will take part.

2 pm: Session 8 - Yuva Kavi Sammelana. Dr. Gubbigudu Ramesh will preside. Dr. Sudhakar Hosahalli will be the chief guest. Chand Pasha, Raj Acharya, P.S. Vailesh, Manjunath Sarjapura, Deepa Girish, Krishna Srikanth Devangamath, Sabana, Anjali Belagal, Hasanmukhi Badaganur, Sunil Ajinambara, Sangamesh Hunagunda, Pramod Sharma, Supraja M. Kodanch, Sushmita, Mohammed Azaruddin, Surabhi, Veena Shivashankar, P. Bhavya, Degganahalli Ananda and Desu Aluru will take part.

3.30 pm: Session 9 - Rangageethegala Gayana Sammelana. Dr. H.A. Parshwanath will preside. Govindegowda, Kupya Venkataramu, Hairige Javarashetty, Kiragasuru Rajappa, Bhoomika, Nagaraju Bogadi and Beerihundi Govindaraju will sing.

4.30 pm: Session 10 - Mysuru Samkrutika Sampathu. Prof. P.V. Nanjaraje Urs presides. Dr. C.S. Sridhar will be the guest. Music by Vidu. Rajalakshmi Sridhar. Dance by Vidu. Radhika Nandakumar.

5.45 pm to 8.45 pm: Felicitation and Valedictory programme. Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Srikshetra will deliver the valedictory address. Sammelana Chairperson Dr. Padma Shekar will deliver a talk. MLA G.T. Devegowda, former Minister S.A. Ramdas, Suyoga Hospital Chairman Dr. S.P. Yoganna and Yashaswini Somashekar of Yashaswini Groups will be the guests. MLA Vasu and Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions and Reception Committee President B.S. Parthasarathy will be present.

Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji

Akhila Bharata Kannada Samskritika Parishat Hon. President Prof. N. Girigowda will preside.

Conferring of 'Raja Maryada Merugiri Award'

The following persons will be conferred with 'Raja Maryada Merugiri Award' during the valedictory of the meet: G.R. Parameshwarappa, Amshi Prasannakumar, Dr. V. Lakshminarayana, L.D. Ravi, C.K. Mahendra, B.T. Banegowda, K.S. Krishnamurthy, Jainahalli Satyanarayanagowda, Kempachar Kupya, Chandrashekaraiah, Helavara Hundi Siddappa, Dr. A. Pushpa Iyengar, Dr. K. Raghuram Vajapayee, M.B. Vishwanath, Dr. Kodli Gururaj, Prof. G.C. Rajanna, Prof. C. Subbanna, Kalyani Murthy Ramanathapura, C. Narayanagowda, Reeta, M. Vishwanathaiah, Kalkere Nagaraju, S. Kumar Melukote, Dr. R.D. Kumar, H.J. Vishwanath, Vidu. Komala Potharaju, Arasikumar, Lalitha Sundareshan, Sarojabai, T.S. Srikantasharma, Sosale Gowramma, Dr. Leela Prakash, K. Shivalingegowda (MyMUL), A.C. Ashok Kumar, Nagarathna Hemmige, Dr. Srinivas, Dr. Kamala Raman, Kadenahalli Veerannagowda, G. Niranjan and V. Ashok Kumar.

I owe my success to JWGC: Sonam Chugh

By Sujata Rajpal

The mothers dragging their little children from one hobby class to another are often scoffed at for being too pushy. Free play is important for holistic development of a child. Isn't it? Why thrust your own ambitions on your kids? Let them decide their own course of life — is the modern thinking.

Think again. Could the Phogat sisters find their glory if their father would've let them be, watching meekly from a distance, patiently waiting for his daughters to find their own calling? Definitely not. Geeta and Babita, who had the fortune of having a biopic made on them, would've got married at the 'right' age and fallen into oblivion.

Why go far off? In our own backyard, we have a home-grown golfer who at the tender age of seven, was ordered to play golf by her father. With a wooden ruler in his hand, the 'monster' father would watch his little girl hit the golf ball on the terrace of their house. Though the ruler was only to scare her, the sight of it was enough to make her go on hitting the ball for an hour every day.

She would cry begging him to let her go but he wouldn't budge. Fast forward to about two decades later, today that pretty little girl is a well-known name on the golf scene not only in Karnataka but also in India. She is a professional player, an international referee and a certified coach.

For the uninitiated we are talking about our very own **Sonam Chug** (daughter of Nina Prakash and V. Prakash) who has been playing golf for more than two decades and tournament after tournament adding new feathers to her already decorated cap.

"I am grateful to my parents for forcing me to play golf. Today I can't imagine my life without golf. It's my identity. My passion," says Sonam emotionally, her voice brimming with pride. Sonam is the youngest woman to be qualified as a Certified International Rules Official. After finishing among the top two referees in the Level 2 referee exam held last year, she was sent by the IGU (Indian Golf Union) to St. Andrews in Scotland to complete her certification.

"There was no pressure to bring trophies home, I was just asked to play the game. Initially it was a torture but when I started winning tournaments, I started enjoying the game," reveals the golfer who played her first tournament at the age of 12. Since then there has been no looking back. About two hundred trophies won by the exuberant woman glitter the foyer of their home in Gokulam and gladly there is a room for plenty more.

After playing amateur and corporate golf for about two decades, when in 2015, Sonam won World Corporate Golf challenge in Portugal, Toyota Karnataka Golf Festival and the Prestige Masters, she knew it was the time to go professional. Sonam is the first woman to represent India and the first and only woman in the world to win the World Corporate Golf Championship.

"Very shortly I will be a certified coach. After that I can play, be a referee and also coach,' announces Sonam beaming a modest smile. In India there are only five international certified women referees and approximately the equal number of women coaches.

Play, referee and coach — which is your favourite? I ask. In response, she lets out a confident laugh before speaking. "I love all three. Playing is something which gives me ultimate joy and I would never stop playing. Coaching is equally exciting. It is like passing on your passion to a budding player. And being a referee comes naturally to me. It is thrilling because one wrong nod from the referee can change the complete game. It's challenging to be in that responsible position."

A product of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC), Sonam owes her success to her home Club which has always been encouraging towards the young talent.

At 15, her parents gave her a choice to take up golf professionally or go the regular route of education along with amateur golf. 'Continuing with higher education was my clear choice. Golf is fun to play but there is no money in it especially in India. Moreover, I wanted to have something to fall back upon,' she explains truthfully.

When the free-wheeling conversation at her house shifts to benefits of golfing, she gets up to go to her room and comes back with a book. The book titled 'Golf and Networking — a Myth or Reality' is authored by Sonam. "There are no myths, it is only reality. Golf definitely helps in networking," Sonam clarifies.

"There are separate women and men tournaments but mainly there are no age wise segregations. You would be playing with a teenager one day and playing with an octogenarian the next day. Besides the joy that playing the sport gives, networking and the learning that comes from meeting people from various walks of life is an impetus to take up golf," she says.

What it takes to excel in golf? I am eager to know.

"Physical fitness and mental agility but unlike other sports, more than physical stamina, one needs mental strength. Golf is a mind game. Earlier, golf was considered an old man's game but now as more and more youngsters are playing the sport, the dynamics are changing."

What next, I am curious to know.

"I live each day as it comes. In future, it is difficult to tell towards which of my three passions I would lean more — play, referee or coach. I will decide as the opportunities come. As of now I am getting into my father's business as well as playing the game for the love of it," declares the chirpy woman with aplomb ▪

Exchange of Elephants from Mysuru Zoo for Rhinos from Singapore Zoo

NGO files objections against the exchange citing cruelty

Mysuru, Feb.26 (MTY&KS)- The Mysuru Zoo's proposal to exchange elephants for white Rhinos from the Singapore Zoo under Animal Exchange Programme has drawn strong criticism from an NGO which has filed objections against it on cruelty grounds.

The Bengaluru-based Elsa Foundation, an animal and environment charity, is also co-ordinating with like-minded organisations in its bid to prevent the exchange process and has written to the Central Zoo Authority of India (CZA) and The Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF) to stop the process, citing cruelty to animals besides questioning its legality.

Prakash Sasha, Co-Founder of Elsa Foundation, in a letter to the The Member Secretary, CZA, New Delhi, has stated "CZA notification issued in 2009 bans Zoos from keeping elephants. The elephant calves in question are not owned by Mysuru Zoo. When these calves are not owned by them, how the Zoo can transfer these calves to Singapore Zoo? This process is illegal. Apart from this, selling elephants in the form of transfer/exchange/gifting etc., is banned and it is illegal. It is also a violation of Wildlife Protection Act. Forest Department, that was formed with primary responsibility of conservation of species, doing such actions that are against conservation and also ignoring the welfare of the animals, is shocking."

Citing CZA Guidelines for Exchange or Transfer of Animals between Zoos dated 2.11.2005, Prakash, in the letter, has stated that the CZA guidelines state that there should be adequate housing and upkeep facilities at the recipient Zoo and viability of species population group at the donating Zoo. The point regarding the viability of species population group at the donating Zoo should take into account certain sensitive facts about mega-herbivores like elephants which are supremely intelligent, social and community animals as they are well-known for forming life long attachments and live in close knit groups, often related. Not only are there strong bonds between related females, but males also visit the same herds where they had their birth. To isolate or tear them apart from such family groups is extremely cruel and totally against the interest of the animal, he added.

He has also said that CZA Guidelines also state that preference would be given for transfer of animal in the normal habitat range of species concerned and added that the Singapore Zoo does not come under the range country for Elephants. He has further stated that if the CZA permits this transfer or exchange to happen, it will be akin to Zimbabwe's sale of Elephant calves to China, which has come under tremendous criticism worldwide.

Meanwhile, C. Ravishankar, Mysuru Zoo Executive Director, speaking to *Star of Mysore* yesterday morning, said that a proposal to exchange two 7-year-old female elephants for a pair of White Rhinos from the Singapore Zoo was sent in 2015, which is still pending.

He further said that he had received a letter from Elsa Foundation and added that the Mysuru Zoo had sent a letter to the Singapore Zoo in this regard and the Singapore Zoo has replied stating that they have trained mahouts and staff to take care of the Elephants as the Zoo already have five Elephants which are healthy.

Stating that Mysuru Zoo is the only Zoo in the country that is permitted to house White Rhinos as it has already housed various Rhino species including White Rhinos, Ravishankar said that the letter from the Elsa Foundation has been forwarded to the CZA and a reply was awaited.

CNC's demand for autonomy for Kodagu

MP Dr. Subramanian Swamy to move Private Member Constitution (Amendment) Bill

CNC delegation, led by President N.U. Nachappa, held a meeting with former Union Minister and MP Dr. Subramanian Swamy *(third from right)* ***at a private hotel in Bengaluru recently.***

Madikeri, Feb.26 (US)- Former Union Minister and MP Dr. Subramanian Swamy has agreed to move a Private Member Constitution (Amendment) Bill in the ensuing Session of the Parliament in support of the demand of Codava National Council (CNC) seeking autonomy status for Kodagu.

This was disclosed by CNC President N.U. Nachappa.

A delegation led by Nachappa had met Dr. Subramanian Swamy at a private hotel in Bengaluru recently and held discussions on the topic.

Nachappa said that Dr. Swamy had assured the delegation that he would speak to the concerned Union Minister Uma Bharathi in that regard and also move a Private Member Bill in that context. He added that Dr. Swamy had appreciated the proposed CNC rally from Talacauvery to Poompuhar in Tamil Nadu seeking a living entity status for the lifeline River Cauvery on the lines of Rivers Ganga, Yamuna and Narmada.

Nachappa further said that the delegation also met Sri Ravi Shankar Guruji of *Art of Living* seeking blessings and support for the proposed rally. The CNC delegation also comprised K. Prakash, K. Umesh and C. Janath.

Tributes to late K.S. Puttannaiah

Puttannaiah

Mysuru, Feb.26 (RKB&US)- Bahujana Vidyarthi Sangha (BVS) had organised a programme at Gandhi Bhavan in Manasagangothri here to pay tributes to MLA K.S. Puttannaiah who passed away recently.

After offering floral tributes to a portrait of Puttannaiah, Oriental Research Institute Director Dr. Shivarajappa suggested that in memory of Puttannaiah, one lakh saplings should be planted in each district of the State as the deceased MLA had suggested to plant a sapling instead of performing obsequies. He hailed Puttannaiah, who was very practical in approach to any issue, as an encyclopaedia on farming.

KIKS Professor M.N. Talawar, Raitha Sangha District Secretary Basavaraj, BVS District President Siddaraju, JD(S) leader Abhishek and others also spoke.

Former Mandya DC condoles: Former Mandya Deputy Commissioner and currently the Commissioner for Cane Development and Director of Sugar, Dr. M.N. Ajay Nagabhushan, who is in Tripura on election duty, too has condoled the death of farmer leader Puttannaiah.

Thousands appear for KPSC FDA exam

Mysuru, Feb.26 (MTY&DM)- The written test for the recruitment of First Division Assistants (FDA), conducted by Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC), was held at 72 centres across the city yesterday.

A total of 30,908 aspirants had opted for the Mysuru Centre, following which the authorities had set up 72 centres in the city, including Maharani's College, SDM, Cauvery, Nataraja and TTL Colleges.

While the first paper (General Knowledge) was held in the morning session (10 am to 11.30 am), the second paper (General Kannada/ English) was held in the afternoon session (2 to 3.30 pm).

The exam was held under tight Police security, with the Police clamping prohibitory orders in 200 metre radius of all the exam centres.

ADC T. Yogesh, DDPI Mamatha and KPSC Assistant Secretary M. Lakshmidevi visited some of the exam centres.

The written exam, which was earlier scheduled to take place on Feb.4 was postponed for administrative reasons.

1,000 couples perform Mass Satyanarayana Puja

Over 1,000 couples performed mass *Satyanarayana Puja* ***in front of Naidu Nagar Bus Stand in city yesterday, under the aegis of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP). Karnataka Pradesh Hotel Owners Association President M. Rajendra, who is also the President of Sri Satyanarayana Puja Reception Committee, Committee office-bearers Harish Shenoy, Lohit Urs, N.K. Rajendra Babu, Revanna and Pradeep Kumar were present on the occasion.***

Mysuru - Chennai Shatabdi Express
temporarily augmented with 'Swarn' AC chair

Mysuru, Feb.26- The Railways has temporarily augmented Train No. 12007/12008 Chennai - Mysuru - Chennai Shatabdi Express with one 'Swarn' Air-Conditioned chair car for a period of three months with effect from Feb. 10 to May 10 from both end.

The revised train composition will have two AC executive chair cars, eleven AC chair cars, one 'Swarn' AC chair car and two luggage-cum-brake van with generator.

Replacement of conventional coach with LHB rakes

South Western Railway (SWR) has decided for replacement of conventional rakes of Train No. 22679/22680, Yesvantpur - Hassan - Yesvantpur Superfast Intercity Express and Train No. 12251/12252, Yesvantpur - Korba-Yesvantpur Bi-Weekly Express with LHB rakes. Details are as mentioned below:

Train No. 22679, Yesvantpur - Hassan Superfast Intercity Express with effect from Feb.11 from Yesvantpur end.

Train No. 22680, Hassan - Yesvantpur Superfast Intercity Express with effect from Feb. 12 from Hassan end.

Train No. 12251, Yesvantpur - Korba Bi-Weekly Express with effect from Feb.13 from Yesvantpur end.

Train No. 12252, Korba - Yesvantpur Bi-Weekly Express with effect from Feb.15 from Korba end.

Train No. 22680, Yesvantpur -Hassan - Yesvantpur Superfast Intercity Express will have revised train composition of twelve chair car and two luggage cum brake van with generator and Train No. 12251/12252 Yesvantpur - Korba-Yesvantpur Bi-Weekly Express will have revised train composition of one AC-2 Tier coach, five AC-3 Tier coaches, eleven second class sleeper coaches, two general second class coaches and two luggage cum brake van with generator, according to a press release from the Chief Public Relations Officer, South Western Railway (SWR), Hubballi.

Continuation of Yesvantpur - Visakhapatnam Weekly Tatkal Express Special

Mysuru, Feb.26- SWR has decided to continue the service of Train No. 06579/06580, Yesvantpur - Visakhapatnam - Yesvantpur Weekly Tatkal Express Special for few more trips to clear extra rush of passengers.

Train No. 06579, Yesvantpur - Visakhapatnam Weekly Tatkal Express Special departs Yesvantpur at 18:35 hrs. on every Friday from Mar.2 to May 25 (total 13 trips) and reaches Visakhapatnam at 14:35 hrs. on respective Saturday.

En route, the train arrives/departs Banasavadi at 18:54/18:55 Hrs., Krishnarajapuram at 19:10/19:12 Hrs., Whitefield at 19:18/19:20 Hrs., Bangarapet at 20:00/20:02 Hrs. Kuppam at 20:30/20:32 Hrs., Jolarpettai at 21:38/21:40 Hrs., Katpadi at 22:53/22:55 Hrs., and on Saturday arrives/departs Renigunta at 01:40/01:55 Hrs., Gudur at 03:30/03:32 Hrs., Nellore at 04:03/04:05 Hrs., Ongole at 05:38/05:40 Hrs., Chirala at 06:21/06:23 Hrs., Tenali at 06:56/06:58 Hrs., Vijayawada at 07:55/08:10 Hrs., Eluru at 08:55/08:57 Hrs., Rajamundry at 10:22/10:24 Hrs., Samalkot at 11:05/11:07 Hrs., Anakapalle 12:55/12:57 Hrs., Duvvada at 14:00/14:02 Hrs.

Train No. 06580, Visakhapatnam - Yesvantpur Weekly Tatkal Express Special departs Visakhapatnam at 13:45 hrs. on every Sunday from Mar.4 to May 27 and reaches Yesvantpur at 09:05 hrs. on respective Monday.

En route, the train arrives/departs Duvvada at 14:15/14:17 HrsAnakapalle 14:30/14:32 Hrs., Samalkot at 16:05/16:07 Hrs., Rajamundry at 16:55/16:57 Hrs., Eluru at 18:20/18:22 Hrs., Vijayawada at 19:40/19:55 Hrs., Tenali at 20:30/20:32 Hrs., Chirala at 21:20/21:22 Hrs., Ongole at 22:10/22:12 Hrs., Nellore at 23:30/23:32 Hrs., and on Monday arrives/departs Gudur at 00:10/00:12 Hrs., Renigunta at 01:35/01:50 Hrs., Katpadi at 03:43/03:45 Hrs., Jolarpettai at 05:05/05:10 Hrs., Kuppam at 05:38/05:40 Hrs., Bangarapet at 06:10/06:12 Hrs. Whitefield at 06:58/07:00 Hrs., Krishnarajapuram at 07:28/07:30 Hrs., Banasavadi at 07:50/07:51 Hrs.,

The train composition will have one AC 2-tier coach, two AC 3-tier coaches, eight second class sleeper coaches, two luggage-cum-brakevan with disabled friendly compartment.

Krishnarajapuram - Kacheguda Weekly continues

SWR has also decided to continue the service of Train No. 07603/07604, Kacheguda - Krishnarajapuram - Kacheguda Weekly Special with special fare for few more trips.

Accordingly, Train No. 07603, Kacheguda - Krishnarajapuram Weekly Special will run for four more trips on every Sunday from Mar.4 to Mar. 25. The train departs Kacheguda at 18:00 hrs. on Sunday and reaches Krishnarajapuram at 06:00 hrs. on respective Monday.

En route, the train arrives/departs Jadcherla at 19:30/19:31 Hrs., Mahabubnagar at 19:48/19:50 Hrs., Gadwal at 20:54/20:55 Hrs., Kurnool Town at 21:50/21:52 Hrs., Dhone Town at 22:48/22:50 Hrs., Gooty at 23:35/23:36 Hrs. and on Monday arrives/departs Ananatpur at 00:39/00:40 Hrs., Dharmavaram at 01:38/01:40 Hrs., Satya Sai Prasanthi Nilyam at 02:03/02:05 Hrs., Penukonda at 02:18/02:20 Hrs., Hindupur at 02:58/ 03:00 Hrs., Yelhanka at 05:00/05:05 Hrs.

Train No. 07604, Krishnarajapuram - Kacheguda Weekly will run on every Sunday from Mar.5 to Mar.26. The train departs Krishnarajapuram 15:25 hrs. on Monday and reaches Kacheguda at 06:55 hrs. on respective Tuesday. En route the train arrives/departs Yelhanka at 15:55/15:57 Hrs., Hindupur at 17:02/17:04 Hrs., Penukonda at 17:38/17:40 Hrs., Satya Sai Prasanthi Nilyam at 18:00/18:02 Hrs., Dharmavaram at 19:10/19:15 Hrs., Anantapur at 19:53/19:55 Hrs., Gooty at 20:53/20:55 Hrs. Dhone at 23:50/23:55 Hrs. and on Tuesday arrives/departs Kurnool Town at 01:40/01:42 Hrs., Gadwal at 03:00/03:02 Hrs., Mahabubnagar at 04:10/04:12 Hrs., Jadcherla at 04:28/04:30 Hrs.

The train composition will have one AC 2-tier coach, three AC 3-tier coaches, ten second class sleeper coaches, two second class chair car and two luggage-cum-brakevan.

Running of Yesvantpur - Ernakulam Weekly Tatkal Express Special during April - June

Mysuru, Feb.26- Railways has decided to run Train No. 06547/06548, Yesvantpur-Ernakulam - Yesvantpur Weekly Tatkal Express Special to clear extra rush of passengers during summer.

Accordingly, Train No. 06547, Yesvantpur-Ernakulam Weekly Tatkal Express Special will run for 13 trips from Apr.3 to June 26. The train departs Yesvantpur at 22:45 hrs. on every Tuesday and reaches Ernakulam at 12:00 hrs. on respective Wednesday.

En route, the train arrives/departs Krishnarajapuram at 23:21/23:23 Hrs., and on Wednesday arrives/departs Bangarapet at 00:13/00:15 Hrs., Tirupattur at 01:55/02:00 Hrs., Salem at 03:27/03:30 Hrs., Erode at 04:40/04:45 Hrs., Tiruppur at 05:23/05:25 Hrs., Coimbatore at 06:45/06:50 Hrs., Palghat at 08:25/08:30 Hrs., Ottapalam at 09:18/09:20 Hrs., Thrisur at 10:02/10:05 Hrs., Aluva at 11:02/11:04Hrs., Ernakulam Town at 11:40/11:45 Hrs.

Train No. 06548, Ernakulam -Yesvantpur Weekly Tatkal Express Special will run for 13 trips from Apr.4 to June 27. The train departs Ernakulam at 14:45 hrs. on every Wednesday and reaches Yesvantpurat 04:30 hrs. on respective Thursday.

En route, the train arrives/departs Aluva at 15:11/15:13Hrs., Thrisur at 16:30/16:35 Hrs., Ottapalam at 18:43/18:45 Hrs., Palghat at 19:18/19:20 Hrs., Coimbatore at 20:37/20:40 Hrs., Tiruppur at 21:23/21:25 Hrs., Erode at 22:10/22:15 Hrs., Salem at 23:07/23:10 Hrs. and on Thursday arrives/departs Tirupattur at 01:00/01:05 Hrs., Bangarapet at 02:18/02:20 Hrs., Krishnarajapuram at 03:15/03:17 Hrs.

The train composition will have one AC 2-tier coach, two AC 3-tier coaches, eight second class sleeper coaches and two luggage-cum-brake van with disabled-friendly compartment, according to a press release.

Temporary stoppage of trains at Nayandahalli

Mysuru, Feb.26- Railway will provide one minute stoppage for Train No. 16219/16220, Chamarajanagar - Tirupati - Chamarajanagar Daily Express at Nayandahalli Station on temporary basis for a period of six months from Mar.25 to Sept. 24.

Train No.16219, Chamarajanagar - Tirupati Daily Express arrives at Nayandahalli at 19:38 Hrs. and departs at 19:39 Hrs. Train No. 16220, Tirupati - Chamarajanagar Daily Express arrives at Nayandahalli at 07:40 Hrs. and departs at 07:41 Hrs.

Workshop on Modern Management

'Meditation is a good tool for managing stress'

Mysuru, Feb.26- Meditation is a good tool for managing stress and improvement of health is possible by following modern methods of stress management, said Ayurvedic Consultant Dr. Anjaneya Murthy.

He was addressing the delegates attending a workshop on Modern Management, a training programme, organised by the National Institute of Man Management and Advancement, New Delhi, at a private hotel in city recently.

He said that stress is increasing in our society and executives have to develop life styles to control stress and added that time management, delegation of work, setting up of realistic goals and planning of each day activities were some of the methods of managing one's stress.

The four-day workshop discussed issues relating to productivity effective managerial methods, leadership stress management and effective human relationship, according to Prof. K. Shamanna, Consultant, Managerial Skills and Training.

All India Women Empowerment Party comes into existence

Mysuru, Feb.26 (PM&DM)- Aimed at working towards women welfare and development, All India Women Empowerment Party (AIWEP) has come into existence.

Announcing this at a press meet in city recently, the new party's District President Shariff said that the party has set up office on eighth cross, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla.

More than 1,000 people with over half of them women, have taken membership of the party.

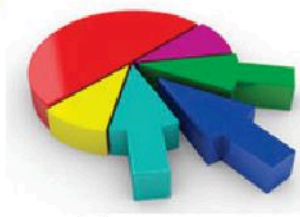
The party has begun the process of fielding candidates in all the 224 Assembly segments of the city, he said and added that measures will be taken to popularise the party by undertaking door-to-door visits.

The party district office-bearers Mangala Gowri, Rajneesh, Indira and Ayub were present during the press meet.

WORD OF THE DAY

Meld

Pronunciation: MELD (verb).



Meaning: To blend or mix together: merge
Origin: As a verb meaning "to blend or merge," meld dates only to the first half of the 20th century. In its early days, the word attracted some unfavourable attention. Those who didn't like it tended to perceive it as a misuse of an older meld meaning "to declare or announce (a card or cards) for a score in a card game" (such as pinochle or gin rummy). But the more recent meld, a blend of melt and weld, was an entirely new coinage suggesting a smooth and thorough blending of two or more things into a single, homogeneous whole. The word is no longer controversial.

THE ODD WORD

Sisyphean

Endless and availing, as labour or a task.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Kangaroo court

Meaning: An unauthorised, bogus court.

Origin: Kangaroo courts are sham legal proceedings which are set-up in order to give the impression of a fair legal process. In fact, they offer no impartial justice as the verdict, invariably to the detriment of the accused, is decided in advance. Such courts are associated with groups who have found a need to dispense a rough and ready form of justice but are, temporarily at least, outside the bounds of formal judicial processes; for example, inmates in jail, soldiers at war, settlers of lands where no jurisdiction has yet been established.

The origin of 'kangaroo court' is unknown, although, given that kangaroos are native nowhere else, we might expect the term to have originated in Australia. As always, a lack of a definite origin encourages speculative claims, which may be an appropriate word in this context as one frequently repeated supposed derivation relates to 'claim jumping' in the California Gold Rush — hence the allusion to kangaroos. That's quite a plausible notion. Kangaroos and their claim to fame, so to speak, that is, jumping, were known in the USA by the early 1800s, so there's no reason to limit the derivation to Australia. Also, the earliest known citation of the term is American and appears in a collection of magazine articles by Philip Paxton (the pen name of Samuel Adams Hammett), which were published in 1853 under the title of A stray Yankee in Texas: "By a unanimous vote, Judge G... was elected to the bench and the 'Mestang' or 'Kangaroo Court' regularly organised."

QUOTE BOX

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. **— Melody Beattie**

RIDDLE THIS

How do all the oceans say hello to each other?

Answer: They wave!

SUDOKU

		8			2			
	9		1	7			4	
			6		9			2
6		9				2	8	
	7						6	
	2	1				9		5
7			5		8			
	5			1	6		3	
			7			1		

Answer to previous puzzle

2	9	4	7	6	8	3	1	5
1	7	5	4	3	9	8	2	6
8	3	6	2	1	5	7	4	9
4	6	9	3	8	1	5	7	2
7	8	2	9	5	4	1	6	3
5	1	3	6	2	7	4	9	8
3	5	7	1	9	6	2	8	4
6	2	1	8	4	3	9	5	7
9	4	8	5	7	2	6	3	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Greek capital to Air India
4 On the affirmative side
7 Tokyo, once - "doe" anagram?
10 The old form of 'you'
11 Lacking training or experience
12 Not in any way different?
14 Stimulant found in some beverages
16 Canned fish
17 ___ Dhabi : capital of United Arab Emirates?
18 International news giants
19 Cavity containing eyeball
20 In short, the last month of the year
21 Old time movie Anokhi ___
22 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
24 Sri Lanka, Malta, Ireland, et al.?
28 Observation, in short - "Sob" anagram?
29 Something to spend in Afghanistan
30 American word for a revolver
31 Juliet's family in Shakespeare's famous tragedy?
33 Tree or its hard wood
34 Opp. of WNW
35 "H" in "HMV"
37 A prefix meaning "within" - "train" anagram?
40 Law as a system or in abstract
41 Groovy or nice, colloquially speaking?
44 One has an obligation to clear them!
45 He plays the role of Max in Mad Max: Fury Road (3,5)
47 Wings or winglike parts
48 Experiment room, in short, for science students
49 Inst. of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
50 Trip cause
51 TV network
52 Cricket great Sir ____ Hutton

DOWN

1 A biblical king
2 Soybean product
3 Hindu Undivided family
4 On ___ : from settled moral motives?
5 Gujarat's ___ of Kutch
6 Have debts
7 Alienates
8 Smear paint
9 Ever present as a prefix
10 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
13 Masticate and swallow food
15 Eco. Comm. of Europe
19 Room within a harem
20 Scattered, dissipated or doled out
21 Clumsy (3,6)
22 Monstrous bird of Arabian mythology
23 A sleeveless garment worn by Arabs
25 Bring to court
26 ___ and rice : our staple diet?
27 Short term mem.
32 Washington DC land
36 Suffix denoting "somewhat"
37 Name for a girl or of a famous mountain
38 ____ and void?
39 Afternoon refreshers?
40 David's army leader
41 ___ -wheel: move or act without constraint?
42 Capital of erstwhile South Yemem
43 A run for the team but not for the batsman?
45 Tender loving care, abbr.
46 Be unwell or sick

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

E	R	G	S	■	F	B	O	■	H	E	M	S
R	A	R	A	■	L	E	V	■	A	T	O	M
S	N	U	G	■	A	T	E	■	R	U	S	E
T	I	M	■	A	P	H	R	O	D	I	T	E
■	■	B	I	G	■	■	T	A	Y	■	■	■
C	O	L	L	E	C	T	O	R	■	F	U	R
A	B	E	L	■	H	A	O	■	D	O	T	E
T	I	S	■	B	A	C	K	F	I	R	E	D
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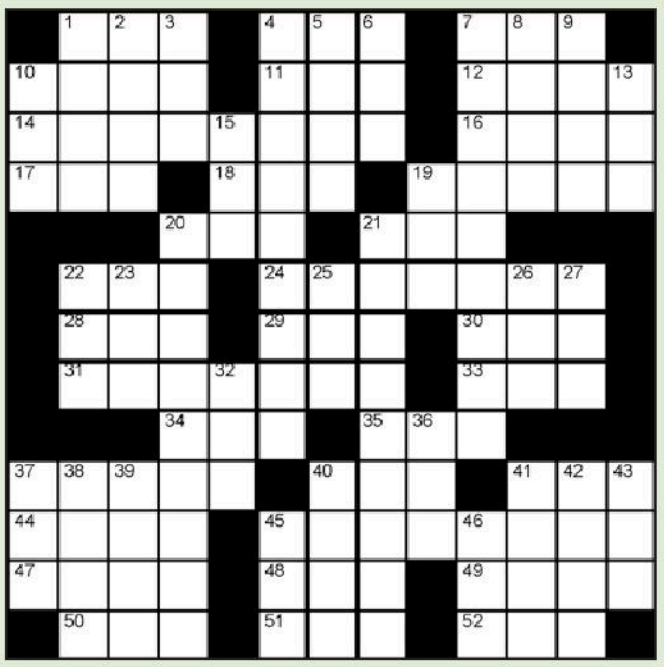

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KW E IEA ZJXDA JWDB PVG

IEA EXG REWG

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Quotation, n: The act of repeating erroneously the words of another.

Now SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Rankal Raate	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Satyadev IPS	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Rangbirangi	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Prema Baraha	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Kanaka	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Raju - Kannada Medium	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Anjani Putra	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Ganda Oorig Hodaga	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Welcome to New York	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Lovers Club	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kalakalappu-2	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Black Panther	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 4.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Kaly (Ma)	(S-2)	10.55 am
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	(S-2)	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Tholi Prema (Te)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Pad Man (H)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
Welcome To New York (H)	(S-3)	4.25 pm
Tagaru (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm
		4.15 pm, 7.00, 9.45 pm

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Tagaru (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.10 pm, 4 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	9.45 am, 9.05 pm
Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 12.30 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Padmaavat (H-3D)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	(S-3)	3.05 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Welcome to New York (H)	(S-3)	12.25 pm
Rangbirangi (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Rankal Raate (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Pad Man (H)	(S-3)	6.00 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Jeet Gayi Toh	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Mein Saanjh..	6:00 pm Crime Patrol Satark
Piya Morey	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	7:00 Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
7:30 Kaleerein	8:00 Har Shaakh Pe Ullu Baithaa Hai	7:30 Mere Sai
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mehek	8:30 Ikyawann	8:20 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:30 Piyaa Albela	9:00 Naamkarann	8:50 Porus
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	9:20 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
9:30 Kundali Bhagya		
5:00 pm Man Vs. Wild	6:00 pm Vivo Ipl Hls	5:00 pm Mega Factories
6:00 You Have Been Warned	6:30 Hero Indian Super League 2017/18 Hls	6:00 Diana: In her Own Words
7:00 How Do They Do It?	7:00 Nz Vs Eng 2018 Odi	8:00 Big Cat Week
7:30 What Went Down	7:30 Cricket Countdown Ipl 2018	9:00 Prime @ 9
8:00 Man Vs. Wild	8:00 Vivo Ipl Hls	10:00 Years Of Living Dangerously
9:00 India's Paratroopers	8:30 Vivo Ipl Hls	11:00 Unpublished
10:00 Steve Austin's Broken Skull	9:00 Nz Vs Eng 2018 Odi Hls	
6:30 pm Oggy And The Cockroaches	6:30 pm Mahaganapathi	6:00 pm Aramane
7:00 Kris In Desh Nirala	7:00 Gouri	6:30 Jo Jo Laali
9:00 Teen Titans Go!	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jani	7:00 Kaveri
9:30 Horrid Henry	8:00 Ayalathe Sundari	7:30 Avalu
10:00 Ben 10	8:30 Shaneeswaran	8:00 Brahamhastra
11:00 Dragon Ball Super	9:00 Nandhini	8:30 Nandini
	9:30 Premam	9:30 **Manasa Sarovara**

MOVIES TONIGHT

4:50 pm **I-Day**	4:04 pm **Deep Blue Sea**	5:11 pm **Star Trek Beyond**
7:18 **Ice Age**	6:01 **The Last Airbender**	7:15 **Welcome To Jungle**
8:59 **Jumanji**	8:00 **Batman V Superman**	9:00 **Tower Heist**
11:14 **Zathura: A Space Adventure**	10:54 **The Lord Of The Rings**	10:50 **Street Fighter**
3:16 pm **Wajah Tum Ho**	6:04 pm **Pyaar Reloaded**	4:00 pm **Man On Mission Fauladi**
5:51 **Magadheera**	8:55 **Main Tera Hero**	8:30 **Fillum Baazi**
8:55 **Hero No. Zero 2**	11:33 **Aar Paar - Judgement Day**	9:00 **Hawalaat**
3:34 pm **Fast & Furious 6**	4:00 pm **Manasa Sarovara**	4:37 pm **Dhruva**
6:12 **Captain America**	8:00 **Kothigalu Sir Kothigalu**	7:55 **Singham**
8:59 **Drunken Master II**	10:00 **Garuda Rekhe**	11:00 **Main Hi Raja Main Hi Mantri**
11:18 **The Boy**		

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.26)

Co-optex Showroom, Shivarampet: 'Buy two - get one free' offer, Co-optex Showroom, #1468/D.33, Narayanashastry Road, Opp. More Mega Store, Shivarampet, **up to 8 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Pairshat, Mysuru and Kadamba Ranga Vedike, Mysuru: Ranga Sanje - senior professional theatre artiste Mohammed Peer, senior theatre artiste H.S. Govindegowda inaugurates, thinker Echanur Kumar talks, Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Kadamba Ranga Vedike President Rajashekar Kadamba delivers keynote address, Parishat premises, Palace North Gate, **5 pm.**

Ganabharathi and Raasavrunda: 'Narthana Namana' by Raasavrunda team, Book release — 'Abhinaya Darpana: Ondu Vicharapatha' authored by Vid. Nandini Eswer — industrialist and art patron K.V. Murthy chief guest, retd. staff artiste of AIR Guru Vid. A.S. Padma and child specialist Dr. R. Radha guests of honour, lecture demonstration by Dr. Rohitha Eswer, Pavan Ramachandra and Raveendra Hegde, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

Moto-acting Fest

Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe: Moto-acting Festival in memory of Thinker Prof. Kikkeri Narayan, mono-act 'Vaidehi' by B.S. Dinamani, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.27)

Department of Geography and IQAC, SBRR Mahajana FGC: Workshop on 'GIS application and Spatial Planning,' Dr. J. Purnachandra Thejaswi, Joint Director, Department of Collegiate Education, Regional Office, Mysuru, inaugurates, Dr. S. Arun Das, Associate Professor, DoS in Geography, Manasagangothri, Mysuru, chief guest, R. Vasudeva Murthy, President, Mahajana Education Society (MES), Mysuru, presides, Dr. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary, MES, will be present, AVC II, **9.30 am.**

District Employment Exchange Office: Job Mela, Office premises, **10 am.**

Co-optex Showroom, Shivarampet: 'Buy two - get one free' offer, Co-optex Showroom, #1468/D.33, Narayanashastry Road, Opp. More Mega Store, Shivarampet, **10 am to 8 pm.**

DoS in Ancient History and Archaeology, Manasagangothri: Workshop on 'Indian Temples,' **10.30 am;** Valedictory of the workshop, Department premises, Manasagangothri, **4.30 pm.**

Akhila Bharata Kannada Samskritika Parishat: Akhila Bharata Kannada Samskritika Sammelana, 'Kagga Magic,' a magic show based on DVG's 'Mankutimmana Kagga' by film Director and Magician Dr. M.D. Kaushik, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, **12.30 pm.**

University of Mysore (UoM), Backward Classes Cell, Senate Bhavan: Valedictory of Professional Skills and Personality Development Programme, UoM Registrar Prof. J. Somashekar presides, UoM Finanace Officer Prof. B. Mahadevappa chief guest, Senate Bhavan, **3 pm.**

Puttaswamy Mithra Mandali, Ramakrishnanagar and Department of Kannada & Culture, Mysuru: Staging of play 'Mala Magalu,' directed by B. Puttaswamy, Kannada & Culture Department Asst. Director H. Channappa inaugurates, former ZP President K. Marigowda presides, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

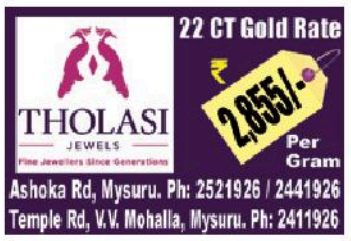
Workshop on 'Cyber Law' held

Mysuru, Feb.26 (KS)- A three-day workshop on 'Cryptography, Network Security and Cyber Law' was organised by the Information Science & Engineering (IS&E) Department, ISTE and CSI Student Chapter of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) at the College premises recently.

The workshop was inaugurated by Vidyavardhaka Sangha President Gundappa Gowda and Treasurer S.N. Lakshminarayana. Dr. Ashok Rao, former IISc Professor and Dr. C.R. Pradeep, former IISc Professor were the chief guests. Principal Dr. B. Sadashivegowda and HoD of IS&E Dr. A. B. Rajendra were present.

The session commenced with mathematical background required to analyse cryptographic algorithms by Dr. C.R. Pradeep, followed by the encryption techniques by Dr. G. Raghavendra Rao, former Principal of NIE and NIEIT-Mysuru and Secure Key Management by Dr. Harsha of JIT, Bengaluru.

On day two, the sessions gave practical knowledge on security attacks on networks using wireshark and GNS3 tool by Pradeep CEO, SLVIS Networking Bengaluru. On the last day, session on WLAN security was covered by Prof. H.L. Gururaj of VVCE, Mysuru, followed by a session on 'Law enforcement and provisions on cyber security' by Dr. C. Vidya Raj, former Principal NIEIT.



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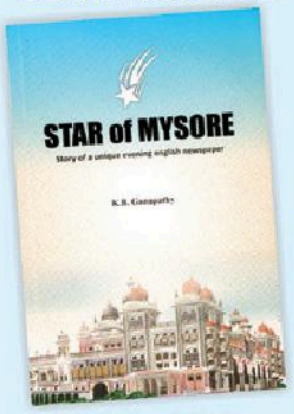

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